

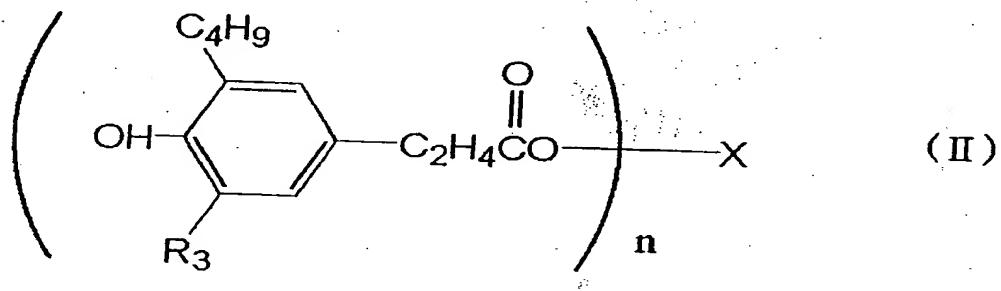
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

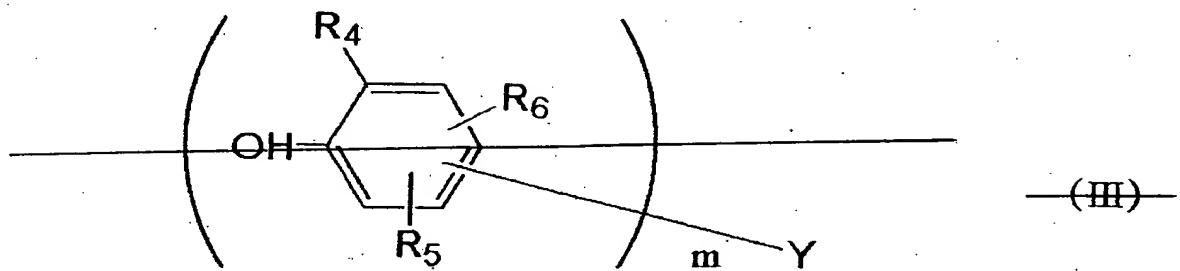
Claim 1 (canceled).

Claim 2 (currently amended). A polyurethane composition comprising a polyurethane having compounded therein:

(a) a hindered phenol in an antioxidant effective amount, wherein said hindered phenol is at least one selected from the group of compounds represented by the following general formula (II) and (III):



wherein R₃ represents a methyl group; n represents an integer of 1 to 4; and X represents an n-valent alcohol residue, having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, which optionally contains a hetero atom and/or a cyclic group,



wherein R_4 represents a methyl group; R_5 and R_6 independently represent a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group, having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, which optionally contains hetero atom; m represents an integer of 1 to 3; Y represents an m valent group, and when m is 1, it represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group, having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, which optionally contains a hetero atom, when m is 2, it represents a sulfur atom, an oxygen atom or an alkylidene group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and when m is 3, it represents an isocyanuric acid N,N',N'' trimethylene group or a 1,3,5-trimethylbenzene 2,4,6 trimethylene group, and

(b) an amide represented by the following general formula (I):



wherein R_1 represents an alkyl group having 12 to 21 carbon atoms.

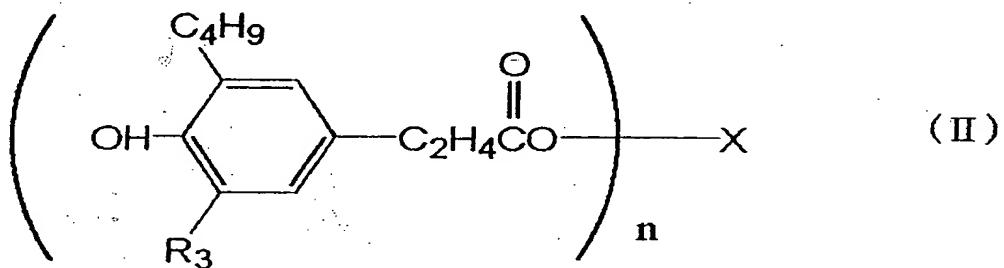
Claim 3 (previously presented). The composition according to claim 2, wherein the amide is at least one selected from the group consisting of stearic acid amide and behenic acid amide.

Claim 4 (canceled).

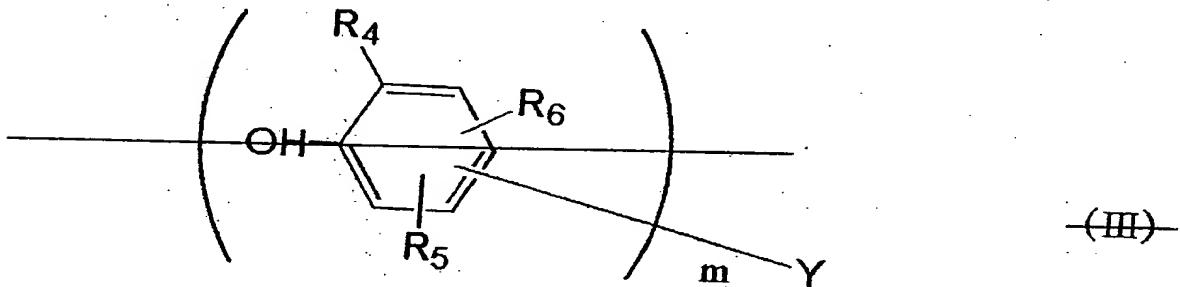
Claim 5 (currently amended). A process for preventing discoloring or coloring of polyurethane comprising:

compounding:

(a) a hindered phenol antioxidant which is at least one selected from the group of compounds represented by the following general formula (II) and (III):



wherein R_3 represents a methyl group; n represents an integer of 1 to 4; and X represents an n -valent alcohol residue, having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, which optionally contains a hetero atom and/or a cyclic group,



wherein R_4 represents a methyl group; R_5 and R_6 independently represent a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group, having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, which optionally contains a hetero atom; m represents an integer of 1 to 3; Y represents an m -valent group, and when m is 1, it represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group, having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, which optionally contains a hetero atom;

~~when m is 2, it represents a sulfur atom, an oxygen atom or an alkylidene group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and when m is 3, it represents an isocyanuric acid-N,N',N'' trimethylene group or a 1,3,5 trimethylbenzene-2,4,6 trimethylene group, and~~

(b) an amide represented by the following general formula (I):



wherein R_1 represents an alkyl group having 12 to 21 carbon atoms in a polyurethane.

Claim 6 (currently amended). The process according to claim 5, wherein the amide is at least one selected from the group consisting of stearic acid amide and behenic acid amide.

Claims 7-8 (canceled).

Claim 9 (previously presented). A fiber obtained from a polyurethane composition according to claim 2.

Claim 10 (previously presented). An elastic yarn obtained from a polyurethane composition according to claim 2.

Claims 11-14 (canceled).

Claim 15 (previously presented). A polyurethane composition according to claim 2, wherein said polyurethane composition further comprises a member selected from the group consisting of a dye and pigment.

Claim 16 (previously presented). A polyurethane composition according to claim 2, wherein R_1 is an alkyl group having 18 to 21 carbon atoms.

Claim 17 (previously presented). A process for preparing a polyurethane composition according to claim 16, wherein said polyurethane is colored with a member selected from the group consisting of a dye and a pigment.

Claims 18-19 (canceled).

Claim 20 (currently amended). A polyurethane composition according to claim 2, wherein n is 1, 2 or 3 in the hindered phenol compound represented by formula (II).

Claim 21-28 (canceled).

Claim 29 (currently amended). A composition according to claim 3, wherein said hindered phenol is ~~at least one compound selected from the group consisting of 3,9-bis[2-[3-(3-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)propionyloxy]-1,1-dimethylethyl]-2,4,8,10-tetraoxaspiro[5.5]undecane, and 1,3,5-tris(4-tert-butyl-3-hydroxy-2,6-dimethylbenzyl)isocyanate.~~

Claim 30 (new). The composition according to claim 2, wherein about 0.5 part by weight to 5 parts by weight of said hindered phenol are compounded in said polyurethane.

Claim 31 (new). The composition according to claim 2, wherein 0.1 part by weight to 10 parts by weight of said amide are compounded in said polyurethane.

Claim 32 (new). The composition according to claim 2, wherein about 0.5 part by weight to 5 parts by weight of said hindered phenol and 0.1 part by weight to 10 parts by weight of said amide are compounded in said polyurethane.

Claim 33 (new). The composition according to claim 2, wherein about 0.5 part by weight of said hindered phenol and about 0.5 part by weight of said amide are compounded in said polyurethane.

Claim 34 (new). The composition according to claim 2, wherein about 0.5 part by weight of said hindered phenol and 0.1 part by weight of said amide are compounded in said polyurethane.

Claim 35 (new). The process according to claim 5, wherein about 0.5 part to 5 parts by weight of said hindered phenol are compounded in said polyurethane.

Claim 36 (new). The process according to claim 5, wherein 0.1 part by weight to 10 parts by weight of said amide are compounded in said polyurethane.

Claim 37 (new). The process according to claim 5, wherein about 0.5 part to 5 parts by weight of said hindered phenol and 0.1 part by weight to 10 parts by weight of said amide are compounded in said polyurethane.

Claim 38 (new). The process according to claim 5, wherein 0.5 part by weight of said hindered phenol and 0.5 part by weight of said amide are compounded in said polyurethane.

Claim 39 (new). The process according to claim 5, wherein about 0.5 part by weight of said hindered phenol and 0.1 part by weight of said amide are compounded in said polyurethane.